

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 are presently pending in this application, Claims 2, 3 and 5-9 having been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the drawings were objected to because of informalities; and Claims 2, 5, 6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. However, Claims 1 and 4 were indicated as allowed, and Claims 2, 3 and 5-9 were indicated as including allowable subject matter.

First, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that Claims 1 and 4 have been allowed, and Claims 2, 3 and 5-9 include allowable subject matter.

In response to the objection to the drawings, submitted herewith is a separate LETTER REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR DRAWING CHANGES, submitting for approval changes to Figures 11 and 12. Specifically, Figures 11 and 12 have been amended to add the legend "Prior Art" as required by the Examiner. However, regarding the objection related to the subject matter recited in Claim 5, Claim 5 has been amended to recite the subject matter as disclosed in Figures 1 and 5 as well as page 13, lines 14-24, of the specification. Thus, no further objection on these matters is believed to be overcome.

Claims 2, 3 and 5-9 have been amended herein. These amendments find support in the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed. For example, amended Claim 2 is believed to be supported by page 10, lines 3-15; amended Claim 3 by page 13, lines 14-24, page 16, line 13, to page 19, line 9, as well as Figures 5, 9 and 10; amended Claim 5 by page 13, lines 14-24 as well as Figures 1 and 5; amended Claim 6 similar to Claim 4; amended Claim 7 by page 13, lines 14-24, page 16, line 13, to page 19, line 9 as well as Figures 5, 9

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and 10; amended Claim 8 by page 13, lines 14-24, page 16, line 13, to page 19, line 9 as well as Figures 5, 9 and 10; and amended Claim 9 by page 16, line 13, to page 19, line 9 as well as Figures 5, 9 and 10. Hence, no new matter is believed to be added thereby.

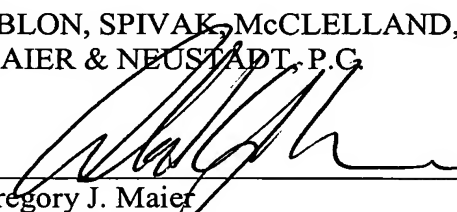
With regard to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and objection in the claims, Claims 2, 3 and 5-9 also have been amended to clarify the subject matter recited therein. Thus, all the pending claims are believed to be in compliance with the requirements of the statute.

If, however, the Examiner disagrees with any of the amendments presented above, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned who will be happy to work in a joint effort to derive mutually satisfactory claim language and expedite the prosecution of this application.

In light of the prior indication of allowed claims and allowable subject matter, and in view of the amendments presented above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and thus the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

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